GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Fire Fighting Water Tender Vehicles
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire fighting water tender vehicles have been equipped with all necessary force to handle the mishappenings/accidents due to fire at all the Railway Divisional HQ levels including Bhusawal Division of Central Railways in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen fire fighting arrangements in trains and Railway stations particularly at Divisional HQ level?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a)& (b): With the closure of Fire Branch of the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in the year 1999, no fire fighting water tender vehicles are available at Railway Divisional Headquarter level over Indian Railways, including Bhusaval Division of Central Railway in Maharashtra. However, services of State fire department are sought, as and when required, to handle any fire related exigencies, at station premises/trains.

(c): Steps taken by the Railways to strengthen fire fighting arrangements in trains and railway stations include provision of fire fighting equipment like fire extinguishers (including portable fire extinguishers in trains) and fire buckets, training of frontline staff in handling of fire extinguishers, conducting mock drills on fire fighting, passenger awareness programme, keeping a watch over passengers carrying inflammable items and prosecution of offenders under relevant provisions of the Railways Act. Besides, Automatic Fire and Smoke detection system has been provided on 03 rakes. Design for water-mist based fire suppression system has also been developed and 10 coaches fitted therewith.
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